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For: METHOD FOR RETURNING BLOOD FROM A BLOOD TREATMENT DEVICE, AND  
DEVICE FOR CARRYING OUT THIS METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicant(s), through the undersigned attorney, submits this Information Disclosure Statement. The patents, publications or other information submitted herewith are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and copies are attached, excluding U.S. patents and publications. English abstract translations for German Patent Nos. DE 42 40 681 A1, DE 197 04 564 A1 and DE 100 11 208 C1 are enclosed. German Patent No. DE 102 24 750 A1 is equivalent to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2005/0230292. The patents and publications listed on Form PTO-1449 were cited in the International Search Report and a German Search Report in a corresponding patent application. Copies are also enclosed.

The Examiner is requested to make these references of record in the file of this application. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application.

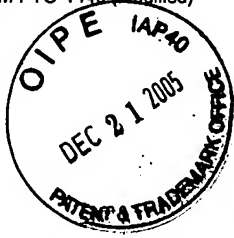
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is required by the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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